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SUBJ: ALLEGED TURKISH VIOLATION OF CYPRUS AIR SPACE

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE ASKED MFA CYPRUS-GREEK DIRGEN
TULUMEN TO CONFIRM WHETHER FLIGHTS PROTESTED BY GOC HAD TAKEN
PLACE AND TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER BACKGROUND AVAILABLE.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH LT. GEN. HASAN SAGLAM, CHIEF OF
OPERATIONS OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, TULUMEN GAVE US THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. THE FLIGHT OF TWO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT DID OCCUR AS
STATED IN NICOSIA'S 1031.
B. THE FLIGHTS WERE PART OF A ROUTINE ANNUALLY SCHEDULED
EXERCISE ABOUT WHICH UNFICYP HAD BEEN GIVEN PRIOR NOTIFICATION
(TULUMEN WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT DATE ON WHICH SUCH
NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN).

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C. SIMILAR FLIGHTS HAD OCCURED AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
D. THE EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE AIR GROUND
COORDINATION PHASE OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION OF
TURKISH ARMY UNITS. THIS IS A TURKEY-WIDE PROCESS
IN WHICH TURKISH ARMY UNITS STATIONED IN CYPRUS ARE
NECESSARILY INVOLVED, RELATING AS IT DOES TO THE ARMY'S PROMOTION
AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM.

E. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS AWARE OF THE EXERCISE AND
REGARDED IT AS TOO ROUTINE TO CAUSE PROBLEMS.

F. SO FAR AS THE "VIOLATION OF CYPRIOT AIR SPACE" IS
CONCERNED, THERE ARE DAILY FLIGHTS BY TURKISH AIRCRAFT TO AND
FROM ERCAN AIRPORT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS.

G. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT
SHORTLY.

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